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HONORARY DEGREES**

DAYTON, Ohio, March 29, 1976 --- Three distinguished Daytonians, Brother Elmer C. Lackner, S.M., H. Talbott Mead, and Monsignor Robert J. Sherry, will be awarded honorary degrees from the University of Dayton during its spring commencement exercises April 25, 1976, in the UD Arena.

For over thirty-six years, Brother Elmer C. Lackner has dedicated his energy and talent to the direction and development of the University of Dayton. In recognition for his contribution, he will be granted the honorary Doctor of Humanities.

As teacher, dean, registrar, Director of Public Relations, Development and Alumni Affairs, Assistant to the President and Vice President for University Relations, Brother Lackner has been an integral part of the University from 1953 to 1973, the years of its greatest expansion in student body and physical facilities.

Toward the achievement of that challenging growth, he contributed the leadership of academic and physical planning, and strong programs of development and public relations. Brother Lackner now enjoys an active retirement as Special Assistant to the President.

A native of Pittsburgh, Brother Lackner taught in schools of the Society of Mary in Baltimore, Detroit, Long Island, Cleveland, and Dayton before being assigned to UD. A member of the Society of Mary for over 50 years, Brother Lackner received the Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies in 1927 from UD and the Master of Arts degree in History at Western Reserve University in 1941.

Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Sherry who will be awarded the Doctor of Humane Lettres, is honored for his eminent career as priest, pastor, professor, and military chaplain. Native Daytonian Robert Sherry graduated from the University of Dayton in 1914 and following his ordination at St. Peter's Cathedral in Cincinnati in 1920 was named assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Piqua, Ohio.

After nearly two years at St. Mary's, Fr. Sherry was selected to attend Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and Catholic Angelico in Rome to prepare him for seminary teaching. He returned to Cincinnati in 1926 and taught at St. Mary's Seminary. Later in 1935, he was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate while Rector of St. Gregory Seminary. He was appointed pastor of St. Andrew Church in Avondale in 1937.

Monsignor Sherry's distinguished career as military chaplain began in 1942. For seventeen years he served overseas with the armed forces in France, England, Korea, and finally in Washington as Chaplain of Walter Reed Hospital. Upon retirement from the army in 1955, he returned to Cincinnati as Rector of St. Gregory and in 1960 was named pastor of St. William Church.

Ministering to the needs of his parishioners, Monsignor has been actively involved as an Advocate of Marian Devotion, Patron of Birth-Right, Moderator of the Council of Catholic Women, and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

H. Talbott Mead, a distinguished member of the Dayton business community who has been a vital force in the governance of the University of Dayton will receive the honorary Doctor of Humanities.

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